

January 6, 2021

To families of Spring Ridge Residents,

I wanted to send out a quick update for everyone concerning COVID cases and vaccines:

The last round of testing done just before the holiday's was negative for all staff and residents.

We currently have one positive staff person, that has been removed from the schedule until they are cleared from the Pierce County Health Department. We also have one positive Memory Care resident that is out at the hospital.

All of the residents and staff had COVID tests on January 5th and we are awaiting the results. We have normally received the results within 3 days, it really just depends on how busy the lab is. As always, we will call each family with the results as soon as we get them.

If all of the tests come back with negative results on this round of testing, we should be cleared from the Pierce County Health Department on January 12, 2021. That means that we will be able to open up the dining room, have small, socially distance activities and resume window visits. At this time, we have to wait for the test results and further instruction from the Pierce County Health Department.

I was recently contacted by Walgreens to set up a date to receive our COVID vaccines. If you haven't returned your Walgreens Consent authorization form for the vaccine, please return it to Spring Ridge as soon as possible. As soon as the date is set, we will let everyone know. Please know that you cannot decide at the last moment to have the vaccine. We have to give a final count to the pharmacy **three (3)** days before the clinic to allow the vaccine to thaw. ALSO please give a firm commitment to get the vaccine if you are signed up. WE cannot afford to waste a vaccine dose. If you don't show up someone who may need may not get it.

As always, I want to thank all of the families that have supported our staff and our efforts here at Spring Ridge. We couldn't have made it through the last 11 months without your continued support, understanding and kindness.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wyse, Executive Director